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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: VENEZUELAN RAILROADS

REF: (A) STATE 221930; (B) STATE 211238

1. EMBASSY APPEARS NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED REF. (B). FIRM WHICH WAS GRANTED TOPOGRAPHICAL STUDY IN OSUNA PULGAR, APARTADO 75301, CARACAS; PHONE 781-7579.
2. AGOSTINI COULD NOT BE REACHED. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS DR. ANTONIO ASCANO CONFIRMED THAT RAILROAD INSTITUTE HOPES TO OPEN BIDDING FOR TURNKEY PROJECT EARLY NEXT YEAR. ACCORDING TO HIM, IT IS INSTITUTE'S INTENTION TO HAVE ONE SINGLE FIRM DO ENGINEERING DESIGN AND EXECUTE OR SUPERVISE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION. ECONOMIC STUDY WAS DONE IN-HOUSE. SEPARATE BIDS WILL BE LEFT FOR EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK.
3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT FINANCING, ASCANO ADMITTED THAT PROJECT HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED BUT THAT INSTITUTE CONSIDERS APPROVAL A FORMALITY. CONSTRUCTION PACKAGE WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE FINANCING OFFER, WHICH SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT INSTITUTE DOES NOT FEEL THAT IT WILL BE ALLOTTED SUFFICIENT FUNDS AT ONCE.
4. POST SUGGESTS THAT FORD, BACON AND DAVIS AND OTHER INTERESTED COMPANIES SOON APPROACH RAILROAD INSTITUTE TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST AND TO ACQUAINT IT WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE. FULL NAME AND ADDRESS IS:
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CANO AMARILLO, CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

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